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*A*.—(i) The Government do not think it worth while collecting the information required.

(ii) (*a*) & (*c*) As far as practicable in making appointments the claims of Indian Christians also are taken into consideration.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

## Hydro-electric Schemes

*Hydro-electric works and schemes in this Presidency.*

* 92 *Q*.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state in what stage of execution or development or prospective planning the various hydro-electric works and schemes are in this Presidency with their cost, plans and estimates?

*A*.—The Chief Engineer for Hydro-electric Development has submitted to Government estimates for the following schemes:—

(1) the Pykara project;
(2) the Glen Morgan scheme; and
(3) the Papanasam project.

Reports and estimates on other schemes have not yet been received.

*Pykara Project.*

The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Press Communiqué issued on 19th June 1928 (G.O. No. 1565 W.). As stated in it, three schemes (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) have been submitted. Scheme (*c*) has not been worked out in detail. Scheme (*a*) is estimated to cost about Rs. 220 lakhs in the first year of operation rising to Rs. 308 lakhs in the tenth year and ultimately to Rs. 693 lakhs. Scheme (*b*) is estimated to cost about Rs. 188 lakhs in the first year, about Rs. 308 lakhs in the tenth year and ultimately Rs. 709 lakhs. The proposals are under examination by Messrs. Merz and Partners, Consulting Engineers to the Railway Board, with reference to the question of Railway electrification.

*Glen Morgan Hydro-electric Scheme.*

An estimate of Rs. 12·80 lakhs for this scheme has recently been approved by Government in G.O. No. 1770 W., dated 16th July 1928, which has been placed on the Editors' Table. Work on the scheme is being started. A note explaining the scheme in detail has been placed before the Finance Committee and will be found in the Proceedings of the Committee placed on the Council table.

*Papanasam Project.*

Two schemes have been worked out. The first is estimated to cost Rs. 50·53 lakhs, while the second is estimated to cost about Rs. 98·56 lakhs in the first year of operation rising to Rs. 138·5 lakhs in the fifth year. The proposals are under consideration by Government.

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Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I inquire whether the details of the several schemes will be placed before this House before they are finally sanctioned and the work taken up for execution ? Is it the intention of the Government, Sir ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" With reference to the Glen Morgan Hydro-electric Scheme, it has already been sanctioned by the Government. And I may tell my hon. Friend generally that Government have no intention of concealing anything from this hon. House. They want the hearty co-operation . . . ."

Mr. S Satyamurti :—" On a point of order, Sir. This is not the time for making speeches."

The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member has got the right to make a statement."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" My hon. Friend Mr. Saldanha wanted some information and I was going to give it. . . ."

The hon. the President :—" We will have to go on with the questions."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" If that be the case, I shall not give the answer at all."

The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member will go on."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" My answer with reference to the Glen Morgan Scheme is that it has already been sanctioned by the Government. With reference to the other schemes, I will consider the suggestion of my hon. Friend, Mr. Saldanha."

## Depressed Classes

*Government aid to Adi-Dravidas for building houses.*

* 93 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the help rendered by Government to the Adi-Dravidas to put up cottages on the house-sites granted to them ;

(*b*) whether timber, bamboos, etc., are freely supplied to them from Government lands ; or

(*c*) whether they are given any money grants ?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) Attention is invited to the annual administration reports of the Labour Department which have been placed on the Editors' Table. In cases where the depressed classes are too poor to purchase building materials, such articles are supplied to them free.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai :—" Sir, with reference to the answer given that building materials are supplied free to Adi-Dravidas, may I know from the hon. the Home Member the districts where such supplies were made ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I should like to have notice, Sir."